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TAGS: CASC, VS

SUBJECT: TIME/NY TIMES VIETNAM FLIGHT

REF: HONG KONG 3607

1. TIME MAGAZINE'S CHIEF OF CORRESPONDENTS MURREY GART IS HERE ARRANGING A FLIGHT OF TIME AND NEW YORK TIMES VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL FROM VIETNAM TO HONG KONG ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE TOLD GART FROM HIS FIRST CONTACT WITH US THAT WE CANNOT ADVISE HIM IN THIS UNDERTAKING, THAT GETTING HIS PASSENGERS OUT OF VIETNAM AND INTO HONG KONG IS A MATTER BETWEEN HIM AND THE AUTHORITIES IN THOSE PLACES, BUT THAT ONCE WE KNEW AND WERE FACED WITH THE PASSENGERS' PROBLEMS FOR GOING ONWARD TO THE UNITED STATES, WE WOULD EXPEDITIOUSLY ADDRESS THOSE PROBLEMS.

2. THAT TIME APPEARS TO BE APPROACHING. GART IS ABOUT TO TAKE UP THE MATTER WITH HKG'S POLITICAL ADVISER DONALD AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT DONALD WILL SAY HIS APPROVAL FOR THE FLIGHTS' ENTRY INTO HONG KONG HINGES ON THE CONGEN'S READINESS TO DOCUMENT THE VIETNAMESE FOR ONWARD TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES. DONALD WILL WANT TO AVOID HKG'S TAKING ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FRUSTRATING TIME'S HUMANITARIAN UNDERTAKING.

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3. WE HAVE FOR SEVERAL DAYS ANTICIPATED AND DISCUSSED THIS

SITUATION (REFTEL). WE NOW NEED DECISIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS.  
WE BELIEVE HKG WILL IN THIS CASE ACCEPT A MINIMAL,  
INFORMAL ASSURANCE THAT, WHILE UNABLE TO GIVE GUARANTEES, WE  
ARE PREPARED TO ACT SWIFTLY AND TAKE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE. WE  
CANNOT GIVE THIS ASSURANCE WITHOUT WAIVERS ETC. WE REQUESTED  
REFTEL.

4. IF DONALD QUERIES US NOW, WE PLAN TO SAY WE HAVE SOUGHT  
INSTRUCTIONS AND EXPECT THEM VERY SOON.  
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